

CONVENTION 1979; UPDATE #2: October 20th, Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, Ct. (Details in April Hello Again) As of June 11th 40 people are registered including the following tentative guests: Bill Griffis, Arnold Stang, Herbert Rive, Art Hanna, Ward Byron, Hyman Brown, Arnold Moss, Alice Reinhart, Blair Walliser, Ed Blainey, Grace Matthews, Court Benson, Bob Prescottt, Raymond E Johnson, Ralph Camargo, Warren Somerville, James Monks, Rosa Rio, Evie Juster, Bob Dixon, Ira Ashley...12 display tables are reserved so far. We want to make sure everyone enjoys the day. Please send in ideas for the workshops, and afternoon activities. A full slate of movies will be shown from 9-4:30. Display tables will be up from 9-3...We would like the young people to put on a radio show. So far no children have registered and we have no one to direct...We would like more people to head our equipment and video tape workshops...Please get your registration money in right away...\$16 for adults...\$13.50 for children under 16.

IN FOND MEMORY: Charles Jensen, Apr 26, 64. Trumpeter with Jan Savitt...Victor Saville, May 8, 83; British director and film producer...Milton Ager, Apr 6, 86; composer (Ain't She Sweet; Happy Days are Here Again; I'm Nobody's Baby, others). Associated with Sophie Tucker...Lester Flatt, May 11, 64; singer-guitarist who helped popularize bluegrass music...Robert Thom, May 8, 49; screenwriter, author...Eddie Jefferson, May 9, 60; jazz lyricist...Robert Florey, May 16, 78; film and TV director...Gene Rupert, May 14, 47; actor-singer...George Redman, May 8, 80; conductor...Jan Lustig, April, 77; scripwriter...Mary Pickford, May 28, 86; star of early sound films and the silent queen...George Brent, May 26, 75; screen leading man...Roger Bower, May 17, 75; international broadcaster. attended New Haven convention in 1974...Shirley O'Hara, May 5, 68; TV and movie actress (Bob Newhart Show)...Marty Martell, May 7, 79; actor, singer, director...Ruby Raskin, May 16, 63; veteran TV and film composer and conductor...Blue Mitchell, May 21, 49; jazz trumpet player...Maury Cohen, May 15, 65; tv producer and writer...Joan Chandler, May 11, 55; stage and screen actress...Vernon Brown, May 19, 72; big band trombonist...Jim Hutton, Jun 2, 45; film and TV actor (Ellery Queen 1975-76)...Jack Haley, Jun 4, 79; actor; radio credits include VILLAGE STORE, SHOWBOAT, WONDER BREAD SHOW...

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SPERVAC May 1979; article on timers... ON THE AIR; Jul-Aug; article on Mae Questel...COLLECTORS CORNER: May; article on Lone Ranger music by Ken Piletic...NATIONAL RADIO TRADER; Vol 3 No 3; articles on SPOTLIGHT BANDS and AMOS & ANDY... THE BIG BANDWAGON, May; articles on GLENN MILLER & RAY MCKINLEY... RADIO CURRENTS: first issue; written by Joe Webb, Box 267, Centuck Station, Yonkers, NY 10710. \$5.00 a year for 12 monthly issues. The main purpose is to keep you abreast of advance logs of CBS MYSTERY RADIO THEATER & SEARS RADIO THEATER. (Note Joe Webb's new address; it is also the new address of COLLECTORS CORNER).

BOOKS AND ARTICLES: Marvin Bensman wrote a very detailed article in a recent issue of the JOURNAL OF POPULAR CULTURE ON OBTAINING OLD RADIO PROGRAMS. It is a list of sources for research and teaching. Many thanks to his reference to Hello Again. It is an eight-page article. I will send you a copy for 75¢ and a SASE with 2 stamps..



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CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: SPERDVAC has LYN MURRAY, I DEAL IN CRIME, BARRIE CRAIG—several shows with William Gargan...Dave Siegel, 3152 Amelia Dr, Mohegan Lk, NY 10547 sent several pages of his large catalog. Dave has most shows in circulation...Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has new RAILROAD HOUR, RICHARD DIAMOND, and many LPs and records of old shows now on the market. ... Several months ago I had a several-part series on various aspects of collecting old-time radio shows, very beneficial to the beginner and helpful to the experienced collector. For those that didn't receive those issues of Hello Again I will send you a copy for a SASE with 2 stamps.

LOGS: Ray Stanich sent a new one: TERROR BY NIGHT; 3/1/36-5/24/36. If you want his and/or a revised NBC PRESENTS: SHORT STORY send Ray a SASE...Raleigh Barker sent me the results of quite a bit of research he did at the Broadcast Pioneers Library in Washington DC; Here is an early Jack Benny log:

5/16/32 9:30 Mon & Wed; WJZ-NBC; Canada Dry; first show, (this conflicts with the date of the one being circulated); with George Olson Orch and Ethel Shutta...The last program of this first series wasn't found. Could have continued until following.

10/30/32; 10 Sun & 8:15 Thurs; WABC-CBS; Canada Dry; with Ted Weems Orch, Sid Silvers, Andrea March

1/5/33; 10 Sun & 8:00 Thurs (time change)

1/22/33; final programs. Replaced by Easy Aces

1/26/33

3/17/33; 10 Fri; WEAf-NBC; Chevrolet; with Mary Livingston, James Melton, Edith Evans, Frank Black Orch

6/23/33; last program.

10/1/33; 10 Sun; WEAf-NBC; Chevrolet; with M Livingston, Frank Parker, Frank Black Orch

4/1/34; last program

4/13/34; 10 Fri; WEAf-NBC; General Tire; with Don Bestor Orch, Frank Parker, Mary Livingston.

Raleigh got these from the 1932-34 Radio Guides. This is as far as he got.

Raleigh Barker, 6206 Bankside Dr, Houston, Tex 77096 wants to know 1. what show had for its theme "The Whistler and his Dog." 2. Does anyone have the music for the Cliquot Club Eskimo March. 3. And what program used for its theme "Moonbeams" from the Red Mill.

NEWS OF THE PAST: From Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512. 1. Two radio shows made in to TV shows in 1949 were LIGHTS OUT & THE CLOCK. 2; Hildegard is one of the few people to sign her first name to checks, contracts, and legal papers. Her full name is Hildegard Loretta Sell.

NEW ADDRESSES: Dick Mullens, 17221 Roscoe Blvd #18, Northridge, Cal 91325. Dick works right next to what used to be the Don Lee Studios. Dick recently found 9 1941 Kraft Music Hall and 4 Don Ameche.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: David Reddick, School of Journalism, Michigan State Univ., E Lansing, Mich 48824. Very interested in radio programs about newspapermen such as GREEN HORNET, BIG TOWN, CASEY CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER, etc. Any help for his thesis on this topic would be appreciated...Guy Gordon, Box 423, Glastonbury, Ct 06033



very interested in radio shows about horror. Also interested in material on the general history of radio...Mary Wallace, 155 Aberdeen Ter, Syracuse, NY 13206. Mary is very good friends with Walt Mitchell who among other things writes for THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY. His recent interview and article about Mel Blanc was excellent (Mel recently wrote me that soon his newest Warner Bros cartoon will be released. It is called THE GREAT AMERICAN CHASE. This is Warner Bros. first full-length cartoon in twenty years). Walt is also a regular contributor to THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY which Allen Rockford used to host. Mary would like any material concerning Cliff Arquette. She recently contacted Lewis Arquette, his son who gave her some information on Lolly of the show CLIFF AND LOLLY on around 1928. Lolly was Lawrence Gooking, changed his name to Warren Gale. In the 60's he moved to Florida where he was associated with a venture called "Bibleland." Does anyone know where he is now...Ed Carr (pg 2) has for bid only THE MYSTERY OF CLOOMBER by A Conan Doyle; 1896; Send SASE for details and list of other juvenile books for sale...

Old Friends: Walt Hart, 9015 No. 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 wants to trade. Has complete HARRY LIME: MARY SOTHERN, TV J Garland; total of 780 reels. Reports that his Arizona Club is doing well ...Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 is putting his radio show collection on the market. He is keeping a few rare things, but otherwise most of it goes-1200 reels, mostly 12 hour ones, and a batch of ET's plus perhaps one or two tape decks. He is asking \$15,000... Tom Price of NARA is trying to find details of the find of all the FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY a few years ago at the Johnson Wax Company... Mike Meredith, 14 Matthews Rd, Southwick, Ma 01077 wants the two movie soundtracks; Harvey; and It's a Wonderful Life...Joe Hickerson, Box 9062, Washington DC 20003 (My brother and head of the Folklore Division of the Library of Congress) wants transcriptions and radio broadcasts of local shows...David Reznick, 1411 Trollman Av, San Mateo, Cal 94401 wants episode #1, The House of Mirth, broadcast on the Masterpiece Theater...Russell Becker of Elizabethton, Tenn wanted to know the name of Captain Midnight's Plane. I think I came up with the right answer. Does anyone know?.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WKSS-FM, 95.7, Hartford, Ct now has Golden Age of Radio with Ed Corcoran and Dick Bertel. Many are rebroadcasts... John R Gambling recently subbed for his dad, John A. on WOR radio's "Rambling with Gambling." This is the third generation of Gamblings on the show...May 26th issue of Billboard had article on "Cassette and video lead blank Tape Surge." The Magnetic Tape Assoc. recently celebrated 25 years of active operation. The latest rage on tapes is metal particle tapes although there are doubts as to how they will be accepted by users. Send 20¢ and a SASE for a copy.

FEATURE ARTICLE: This letter was written to a Mr. Ralph Conner on May 13, 1949 from Horton Heath, director of information of NBC...

NBC CHIMES: This idea was conceived in 1926. The chimes were purchased from the Lesch Silver Company. Early in 1927, chimes were used as station breaks for the first time. Previous to this time the announcer at conclusion of programs would read the call letters of all the stations carrying the program; This is station WEA, WRC, WNAC and so forth. When the network became larger, this process was abandoned and the chimes substituted for cue for local stations to give their own letters.

In the beginning there were seven notes in the chimes, then in the middle of 1927, three notes were dropped and only four chimes



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used G C G E. This program continued until approximately 1930 when another note was dropped and the famous G E C notes became identified with NBC. On September 17th, 1932 at 10:00 AM, the famous NBC chimes (G E C) were electrified and have been used in this fashion ever since.

LATE NEWS: Dead at 72 is John Wayne. He died on June 11. He was in one radio series called THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND...In the July-August issue of ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS MAGAZINE was an article on antique radios. If you want a copy send me 35¢ and a SASE. It lists certain suppliers: Tubes, parts, schematics-Antique Radio Parts, Box 42, Rossville, IN 46065 and Puett Electronics, Box 28572, Dallas, TX 75228; For books write: Vintage Radio, Box 2045, Palos Verdes, Cal 90274. For tubes write: Steinmetz Electronics, 7519 Maplewood, Hammond, IN 46324. For power supplies for battery radios: G B Schneider, 6848 Commonwealth Blvd, Parma Hts, OH 44130. For power Transformer rewindings: Jes. Price, 507 Raehn St, Orlando, Fla 32806... RECEIVED: RETURN WITH US NOW; June; article on THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND...IN FOND MEMORY: Peter Donald, Apr 20, 60; actor-dialectician; on CAN YOU TOP THIS, FRED ALLEN, and others; attended 1973 New Haven convention...Jack Mulhall, Jun 1, 91; silent screen and early talkie star...Kenneth Harvey, Jun 6, 60; radio and TV writer and actor...Herbert Polesie, Jun 8, 79; producer and director for radio-TV including IT PAYS TO BE IGNORANT, TEXACO STAR THEATER, KRAFT MUSIC HALL. Was panelist on TWENTY QUESTIONS...Hans Mauch, Jun 5, 60; "Frack" of Frick and Frack ice-skating team...Robert Carson, Jun 2, 69; veteran film and TV actor...MORE CONVENTION NOTES: Roselle Scaduto who writes THE BIG BANDWAGON will be coming, possibly with some big 78 record collectors. Vicki Vola is also tentatively coming. Get you reservations in.

Have a nice summer.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs

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